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Monterey Carpenters to Fete Former Leaders at Big Party

Past presidents and charter members of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 will be honored at the quarterly meeting of the union on Monday night, April 5, following which a big party will be held to further honor the union's former leaders.

Local 1323 and its Ladies Auxiliary are joining to arrange the party, according to Business Agent Thomas Eide of the union. Special pins will be given to members who have held membership in a Carpenters Union for 50 or more years.

A. W. ("Abe") Muir, Carpenters' International representative and sixth district board member, will come here from Southern California to join the party and to present the 50-year pins.

Joseph F. Cambiano, president of the State Council of Carpenters and vice president of the international union, will be present also and will honor the past presidents.

The event will be held at Monterey Carpenters Hall, built a few years ago as a new milestone in the union's history. Local 1323 was chartered in May 12, 1932, and succeeds the former Pacific Grove union, which had served the area for nearly three decades previously.

Past presidents of Local 1323 are Earl LeMay, E. M. Brooks, Marion E. Getz, George Webster, William E. Booker, Ray S. Sutton, H. R. Shreve, William Golden and A. W. Stratton.

The charter members who helped form the Local union in 1932 and still are active are W. J. Allen, Dale L. Ward, Tom Eide, W. E. Golden, Leonard Galbraith, R. M. Beckman, Theo Dean, E. B. DeForest, A. S. Harboldt, A. W. Stratton, E. M. Brooks, and Robert F. Halles.

Officials and delegates of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters, of which Eide is president, will be special guests for the meeting and party. A select list of non-carpenters is being invited also.

Culinary-Bar Union Voting On Area Fund

Members of Hotel & Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union 483 were voting last week on whether to increase their dues by 25 cents a month, the full 25 cents to go into the Monterey Peninsula convention fund. Voting on the proposal will continue at the April 7 meeting of the union.

Union officials urge the members to vote for the 25-cent increase for "job investment," pointing out that conventions will provide much additional work for members of Local 483 and for others. The union has given full support to the convention program.

Park, Barry In Monterey On Wednesday

Edward P. Park, labor commissioner for the State of California, and Eugene J. Barry, deputy commissioner for this area, will be in Monterey on Wednesday of this week (Mar. 24) to meet with union officials.

Park will attend a luncheon of all union officials of the area at noon at Cerrito's. It is his first visit to the Peninsula. Arrangements for the luncheon are being made by Robert F. Armstrong, secretary of Hotel & Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union 483.

Hear Frank Edwards!



D. W. TRACY

DAN TRACY RESIGNS—Dan W. Tracy, 68, veteran president of the AFL Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, has resigned his union post because of ill health. The job will be filled by Intl. Secy. J. Scott Milne, former west coast leader, until the IBEW convention opening August 30 in Chicago.

Salinas Carp. Hall Addition Gets Underway

Salinas Carpenters Union 925 is doing its bit to help ease the current unemployment situation—a long-delayed remodeling project for the Salinas Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main St., has been started.

The entire front of the hall has been ripped out by workmen under direction of Dick McBride, a veteran member of Carpenters 925, who was low bidder for the job.

Harvey B. Baldwin, union business agent, said the \$8,000 project will include erection of a new front to the building with completely new office facilities for himself, Secy. A. O. Miller, and office secretary Margaret Brown.

There will be a new committee room for executive board and other meetings, providing an extra small meeting hall for the building. New rest rooms for men and women are included in the current project.

Baldwin said that nothing will be done to enlarge the meeting hall itself, or the kitchen facilities at the rear, at the present time. The rebuilding of the front of the structure is expected to take several weeks and Baldwin and Mrs. Brown have moved their office to the kitchen for the time, literally conducting union business from the kitchen stove!

Jenkins in S.F. For Pact Talks

George E. Jenkins, secretary of Monterey Laborers Union 690, was called to San Francisco last Thursday to attend an important meeting in regard to the Laborers' master contract for Northern California.

Committees are working on contract proposals now and a meeting with contract representatives is expected shortly to discuss the situation. No announcements have been issued regarding union contract suggestions.

Tom Eide's Son Faces Operation

Tommy Eide, 14-year-old son of Bus. Agt. Tom Eide of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, was taken to a Monterey hospital last week for observation and examination. The lad faces a possible operation, his father said last Thursday. Details were not announced for publication.

OUTLOOK FAVORABLE FOR JOBLESS BENEFIT BOOST

(State Fed. Release)

Prospects for an increase in state unemployment insurance payments appeared excellent this week as the state Assembly gave landslide approval to the Fleury bill boosting maximum weekly benefits from \$25 to \$30. It passed the Assembly 67-10 and at midweek was assigned to the Senate Social Welfare Committee for preliminary hearings.

Backed by the California State Federation of Labor, and introduced by Assemblyman Gordon A. Fleury (R. Sacramento), the bill survived buckshot attacks by the Levering faction in the lower house.

The measure also enjoyed the support of Governor Goodwin Knight who called for an increase in unemployment benefits in his opening message to the legislature.

Fleury has agreed to accept state AFL amendments which would prevent disqualification of any workers now covered by the jobless pay law, it was announced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor.

LEVERING SNEAK ATTACK
Two damaging amendments to the Fleury bill were beaten down in the Assembly floor tests before final passage this Monday.

One, proposed by Assemblyman H. Allen Smith (R. Glendale), would have limited the life of the increase to September 30, 1955. In effect, it would have required reenactment of the Fleury bill at the 1955 general session of the state legislature. The Smith amendment lost by a 59-12 count.

Another, fostered by Assemblyman Harold K. Levering (R. Los Angeles), would have given every jobless person who qualified for unemployment insurance, the maximum \$30 weekly benefit. Labor spokesmen were quick to point out that the Levering amendment would cost the Unemployment Insurance Fund an additional \$31 million a year. They fought the amendment on the basis that it was proposed for "destructive" purposes and was not seriously intended.

Levering has been the bitter op-

ponent of every attempt to liberalize the unemployment insurance law. His amendment was whipped 49-27.

The Fleury bill came to the Assembly floor after weathering a series of attacks in the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee.

Among those voting against Labor at one stage or another were:

Brady (D. San Francisco, Dahl (R. Piedmont), Silliman (R. Salinas), Dolwig, (R. San Mateo), also Kelley, Lanterman, Levering, Morris, Smith, Blackstrand, Casey, Clarke, Cloyed, Lyon, and Shell.

RODEO GOING FULLY WESTERN FOR THIS YEAR

Re-creation of a cattle town of the old West with false fronts on many of the stores and a stage coach on the streets...

With every member of the populace in Western attire...

And with good-natured, but keen-eyed law men to cut out the mavericks...

This was the picture of Salinas during "Big Week," July 15 to 18, painted by Walter Beck, chairman of the Merchants' Committee of the Chamber of Commerce at the monthly meeting of the Rodeo board of directors.

The merchants' committee is one of three major organizations co-operating with the Rodeo to encourage full community participation in "Big Week" this year. The others are the Sheriff's Posse which annually stages the "Big Hat" barbecue, and the Colmo del Rodeo committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce which will again have charge of the Saturday night float parade.

Cognizant of the fact that newcomers to Salinas may be in some doubt as to what constitutes western dress, the merchants' committee is exploring the possibility of a Western parade to show styles, Beck announced.

Also under consideration, he said, is re-activation of the famous Salinas stage coach, and a return of level-headed "Hoose-gow" law enforcement as an added stimulus to wearing Western clothes.

Store owners will be encouraged to extend decorations to the exterior of their places of business this year by awarding of prizes to those who best carry out the Western theme with false fronts as well as interior displays. Large and smaller stores will be judged in separate categories.

Cairns Named IBEW Official

Glen E. Cairns has been named business representative for Salinas Electrical Workers Union 243, succeeding Dial H. Miles, who has resigned to spend more time as secretary of the county Building Trades Council and to assist Laborers Union 272 temporarily as representative.

Cairns has his headquarters in the IBEW offices in Salinas Labor Temple, but has limited hours since he has other employment, it was reported.

Political Version

Capitol cloakroom gag, as Congress tackles many tough legislative issues in this election year: "Watch your step—the job you save may be your own!"

Follow Safety Rules!

500 HARVEST JOBS OPEN STATE ADMITS POOR PAY

Agricultural employers often complain they cannot get local American residents and citizens to take jobs and thus forced to bring in foreign workers.

That's why it is interesting to note what these farm jobs do offer. Do they seem to be set up to provide American workers and their families with a decent way of life?

Here, for instance, is an announcement just received from the State of California Department of Employment, at Sacramento, seeking 500 workers. It says:

Immediate jobs for at least 500 single men who can cut asparagus are available in the Stockton area, Edward F. Hayes, chief of farm placement, California Department of Employment, announced today. "Asparagus growers in the Stockton area urgently need help to har-

vest their crops," Hayes said. "The job is stoop labor and the workers must be able to work from nine to ten hours a day in dusty fields of loose peat soil. Wages are \$1 per 30-pound crate for market asparagus, and from \$3.25 to \$3.75 per 100 pounds for cannery asparagus."

The work will last until late spring. Workers must live in the single men's camps and have their own bedding. There is no housing for families. Meals are usually Mexican or Filipino style cooking.

Hayes said that men desiring this employment should apply to the Department of Employment's farm labor office at 15 South Center street in Stockton.

Administration Farm Plan To Affect Value of Crops

The following figures compare the 1953 loan values of crops produced in California, at average loan rates, and the value of the same crops after any acreage reductions scheduled for 1954 at the minimum price support level proposed by the Administration in the President's agricultural message of January 11, 1954 (1953 is computed on 90 per cent of parity and 1954 on 75 per cent of parity).

The minimum level proposed by the Administration is 75 per cent of new parity for basics, wheat, corn, cotton, tobacco, peanuts and rice. In the attached calculations, small grains have been reduced to bear the same proportionate value in relation to corn as in the 1953 support program.

	Loan Values	
	1953	1954
Corn	\$ 43,800,000	\$ 33,100,000
Wheat	24,900,000	17,110,000
Oats	4,300,000	3,300,000
Barley	65,600,000	49,800,000
Cotton	265,600,000	146,920,000

California harvested 594,000 acres of wheat in 1953 and has an allotment of 561,442 for 1954, or 94.5 per cent of 1953 acreage.

California had 1,382,000 acres of cotton in cultivation on July 1, 1953. She has an acreage allotment of 936,408 acres for 1954, or 67.75 per cent of the previous year.

Loan values of oats and barley are hitched to those of corn.

These price calculations are based on national average loan rates since state average loan rates are not calculated and the county loan rates, which are calculated by USDA, vary greatly within each state. The general level of rates within the state, compared to the national average, is indicated on the table (above or below national average). It should also be remembered that actual cash advanced to farmers on price support loans is less than

the loan rate because handling and storage charges to the maturity of the loan are deducted when the loan is made. These deductions run up to a maximum of 15 cents per bushel on some crops.

Not all grain is sold by farmers. Some is fed. It is assumed that the grain fed was worth as much or more to the farmer for that use as for cash sale. Therefore, the total state production is used in this calculation. The production figures are from the USDA Crop Reporting Board's 1953 Summary of Crop Production, issued in mid-December 1953.

Calculation of future minimum loan values is based on the parity level of January 15, 1954.

How to Reduce Death Toll From Auto Accidents

Did you know that more Americans have been killed by their automobiles than all wars in this nation's history? Those who have died in the "service of their country" rest in honored glory. They gave their lives for the purpose to which America is dedicated. However, death in an automobile accident serves no noble purpose.

There were fifty-three million cars on the roads last year in the United States and 38,300 human beings are no longer with us due to traffic accidents. In comparison, only approximately 8000 persons died as a result of crimes of violence, including murder.

We are constantly bombarded with thoughts focused on felonious crimes, incurable diseases, the atom, and other life sapping threats. The real killer, however, which is taken lightly by most people, is THE FAMILY CAR, the instrument which is most likely to cheat us of a fruitful and a full life.

Captain W. W. Vernon, commanding officer of the Oakland Police Department, Traffic Division, believes that enforcement and traffic engineering are MUSTS in combating accidents. He believes that driver courtesy is contagious, but lack of this courtesy has become a spreading disease. Traffic mistakes turn into accidents in many cases because the driver lacks knowledge or possesses false information of our traffic laws.

The Traffic Education Bureau has prepared a series of weekly articles concentrating on one traffic law or related problem at a time. This is the first of these weekly articles.

Chicago—In a highly prosperous condition is the Union Teachers Credit Union, with assets exceeding \$3,500,000. During 23 years it has made loans of more than \$10 million; in the past year \$1,800,000.

Edwards Interviews Wetback



Frank Edwards, AFL national commentator who is now regarded as one of the country's top-rated radio news analysts, is shown here talking with a wetback and his wife on Sharyland Farms in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. And who could be the farm's owner. None other than Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas! These people get \$13.50 for a week of hard labor!

State Farm Research Committee Attacks Benson's Dairy Policy

Following several reports on the Eisenhower-Benson flexible price support program with references to the effect on dairymen of the proposed 15% cut in dairy price supports, the following resolution was adopted by the Regional Meeting of the California Farm Research and Legislative Committee.

(The Resolution Follows in Part) During the period October 1952 to October 1953, the price paid California producers for Grade B milk fell from \$4.70 a hundredweight to \$3.81, a drop of 19%. In December, 1953, Grade B dairymen sustained an additional cut of 29c per cwt.

During the same period the average price paid Grade A producers fell from \$5.72 to \$5.25 a cwt. or 8.2%. Another drop of 1c a quart or from 46c to 48c a cwt. went into effect January 16, 1954.

In the face of these facts, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson has announced he will drop support prices on dairy products (butter, cheese, and non-fat milk, milk powder) from 90% to 75% of parity on April 1, which would reflect a further loss of 16% per cwt. of milk and 16.7% per pound of butterfat. If this parity drop is allowed to go through, a considerable number of California's 25,000 dairy farms will be forced out of business.

If per capita consumption of fluid milk were restored to the 1945 level, it would be increased 12% and there would not be enough milk to supply the demand.

With our rapidly growing population we should be planning to maintain and increase our milk reserve, making it available to low-income families, the aged, the children in our schools and hungry people abroad.

Therefore, be it resolved that we take the following action:

1. Urge immediate passage of S-2962 (Thye, R. Minn.) which would make price supports for dairy products mandatory at a level no lower than for basic commodities and would prohibit a drop greater than 5% in any one year.

2. Support passage of S 1159 (Humphrey, D. Minn.) and H.R. 7267 (Johnson, D. Wis.) which would require 90 to 100% parity price supports for the following farm products or production payments where advisable: dairy products, hogs, eggs, poultry, beef cattle, lambs, soy beans, barley and oats.

3. Restore the \$47,000,000 cut from Commodity Credit Corpora-

tion funds for maintaining the price support program—this is the cut recommended in the President's budget.

BENSON CONCEDES DAIRY CONTROLS MIGHT BE IMPOSED

Washington—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson conceded the Government might have to impose controls on the dairy industry.

A strong self-proclaimed advocate of "free enterprise" for farmers, the Secretary admitted that if supply and demand of butter cannot be brought into "balance", then Uncle Sam may have to devise marketing quotas.

But Benson then said, "I just don't see how it could be done." That churned up the whole butter situation more than ever.

The Secretary also announced that the Government will sell \$20 million of surplus wheat to Spain for Spanish currency. The U. S. then will use the currency to help pay for construction of American military installations in that country.

AFL OPPOSES 1 MAN PROBES

The American Federation of Labor declared itself opposed to one-man Congressional investigating committees as Andrew J. Biemiller, AFL legislative representative, appeared before the House Rules Committee.

Biemiller presented the committee with a letter calling attention to the action of the AFL national convention last year asking the Congress to adopt a code of fair procedure to govern Congressional investigations.

"Members of some committees have at times ignored the rights of individuals and organizations," the letter, written by George Meany, AFL president, said.

Flint, Mich.—After 4 years of planning and paying special assessments into a building fund, members of Local 156 AFL Auto Workers have a new union hall, completely modern in design.

Auditor Opposes State Purchase Of CVP Holdings

(State Fed. Release)

Legislative Auditor A. Allen Post last week shook up the Big Business interests behind the movement for state acquisition of the Central Valley Project by recommending that plans for state purchase be dropped.

The recommendation was contained in a detailed analysis of the Governor's \$1,423,000,000 budget prepared for the joint budget committee of the legislature.

Post urged that the \$9,000,000 remaining in the \$10,000,000 "down payment" provided by the legislature in 1952 for state acquisition of the CVP be reverted to the general fund for use in balancing the budget.

UTILITIES PUSH PURCHASE

He stated that, "A considered evaluation of the state's water needs would indicate that the state's credit resources would be reserved for projects which will increase the amount of water made available for beneficial use."

Opponents of state purchase have long pointed out that state acquisition, besides purchasing something already owned by the public, would require the issuance of interest-bearing bonds that would necessitate an increase in either CVP water or power rates, or both.

Those who would gain by state acquisition, they point out, are the private utility interests, who hope to abolish government competition in the sale of electricity, and the large landholders and corporate farmers, who want an unlimited supply of project water at the expense of small farmers and electric consumers.

Organizations that have opposed state purchase since the time it was proposed include the California State Grange, the California Farm Bureau Federation's third region, comprising counties most directly benefited by CVP, and representatives of 35 irrigation districts who recently testified at the Visalia hearings of a special Assembly subcommittee.

FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT! RIGHT TO 'SLAVE' BILLS

The state of Kentucky rates your cheers; its legislature, at the prodding of union leaders, pigeonholed one of those misnamed "right to work" bills. But 15 other states have enacted such laws during the course of a few years. That's a greater success than the backers of the Prohibition Amendment enjoyed over a comparative period.

Just the other day, in Washington, the House Labor Committee actually adopted a measure making the union shop illegal—nationally. Luckily, there was a majority of only one and next day a member switched his vote. Apparently the move was just too raw for the Republican Administration whose candidate for President pledged during his election campaign that he'd remove union-busting provisions from the Taft-Hartley law.

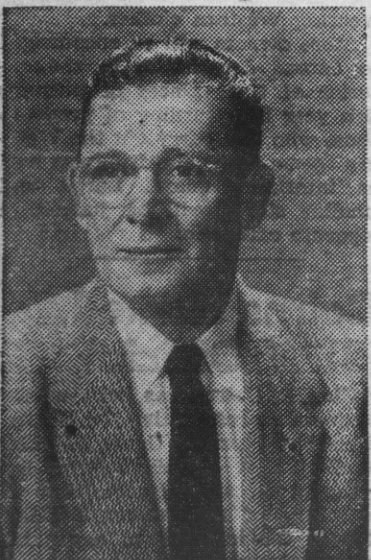
But "right to work" is an insidious menace throughout the country. It's being sold—cleverly by public relations experts—on the basis that it prohibits discrimination on the basis of membership or non-membership in a union. We all know what that means. It's like the publishing tycoon who boasted that he operated a strictly open shop—open to anyone without a union card.

Let's fight, fight, fight, to prevent the passage of scab laws in the states in which we live. And where such a law has been adopted, let's fight even harder to have it repealed. All the gains you've won through your union are at stake.

A Leg to Stand On

There is a tribe in Africa which lets orators talk as long as they can stand on one leg, no longer.

Named Editor



Elmer Reynolds Sr. was elected editor of the Intl. Molders and Foundry Workers Journal by the executive board and other officers of the union.

Joint AFL-CIO Peace Committees To Meet April 6

Washington — AFL and CIO Peace Committee will meet in Washington April 6 for the purpose of affixing signatures of affiliated unions to the no-raiding agreement.

The pact, which is binding only on the signatories, will run for two years. Meanwhile, the committees will proceed to explore further steps toward effecting an actual merger of the two organizations into a single, united labor movement.

The April 6 meeting was arranged by AFL President George Meany and CIO President Walter Reuther. While a number of affiliated unions in both organizations have not agreed to sign the no-raiding pact, this apparently will not deter its consummation.

AFL CALLS FOR 35,000 PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS

Authorization of not less than the 35,000 public housing units recommended by the President was urged upon members of the House Appropriations Committee by George Meany, AFL president.

"The limitations imposed on the public housing program in the appropriations legislation for fiscal years 1953 and 1954 have reduced the volume to an almost insignificant trickle," Meany wrote in his letter.

600,000 IS MINIMUM

"Yet the needs of low-income families for decent housing within their means are as great as ever," Meany pointed out that slum clearance programs cannot go ahead until the "dispossessed" families are able to obtain adequate accommodations at rents they can afford to pay.

The subcommittee was told that the AFL believes that "a minimum of 600,000 units of low-rent public housing should be constructed within the next three years." But in "no event," should there be authorization of less than the minimum program of 35,000 units recommended by the President.

Civil Service Jobs

Examination for AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

(Davis and Vicinity)

Fresno and Vicinity)

(Stockton and Vicinity)

Final Date for Filing Application, April 9, 1954.

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Davis, Fresno, and Stockton.

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IT'S NOT EASY

A rather hardened type announced the other day he had just about decided that a woman never parks a car — "she just abandons it."

New Labor Aide



Secy. of Labor James Mitchell, right, poses with J. E. Wilkins, Chicago Negro attorney, after President Eisenhower nominated Wilkins to be Assistant Secy. of Labor. Wilkins, 60, is native of Farmington, Mo.

Making Ends Meet—

Bargains in Winter Coats— Tips on Buying Woolens

By NANCY PRATT

Spring is the season to buy winter coats if you're looking for bargains—and if you have the money. From now until Easter you should be able to pick up reductions of up to 50 per cent at clearance sales. In choosing a coat on sale, pick a simple style so it won't be out of fashion by next winter.

FABRIC FACTS

In selecting a coat that will wear well, it's important to check the fiber content tag or label to make sure the fabric is of good quality.

Most coats are made of woolen cloth, but the term "wool" covers a wide variety of fabrics, ranging from specialty cashmeres to cotton-wool mixtures.

There are three types of wool. "Virgin wool" is commonly considered the best, but "reprocessed wool" is often equally good. Virgin wool is wool that has been spun into yarn for the first time. Manufacturers usually make a point of identifying it specifically on the label. Reprocessed wool has been woven, but never used or worn. If it was a high grade originally, it may be as good or better than virgin wool. If the coat is labeled "wool," "all wool," or "100 percent" wool it consists of either virgin or reprocessed wool.

A third type of wool is "reused wool," which is occasionally combined with other wools in low-priced suits and coats. Reused wool is reclaimed from wool that has been made into fabric, worn or used. Although the used articles are cleaned and graded before reclaiming, the fibres of reused wool are broken and short, and coats made of this type of wool do not wear as well. Reused wool is most commonly used for quilted interlinings and for that purpose it is well suited.

Wool fibers are made into either woolens or worsteds. Worsteds, like gabardine, are made of tightly twisted yarns. They are smooth in texture, tailor well, and keep their shape better, but tend to get shiny.

BUYING TIP

Enjoy fresh juice for breakfast while oranges are still in season. In selecting fresh oranges, keep in mind that puffy ones are likely to be light in weight and lacking in juice.

WHY RUSH

The new hired man was sleeping soundly when the farmer went to awaken him at four in the morning. "Come, get up," he called, "we are going to cut oats today." "Are they wild oats?" asked the helper sleepily.

"No, of course not," replied the farmer.

"Then why do we have to sneak up on them in the dark?" inquired the hand.

Labor Secy. Gives Some Good Advice

Elizabeth, N.J. (ILNS) — Good advice for all trade unionists was given by Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell when he returned to the city of his birth and met with friends of his boyhood and early youth who have since become prominent in the labor movement.

Addressing a banquet in his honor, attended by representatives of AFL, CIO and independent locals, he said: "If you join a labor union, you should really belong to it. Put your heart in it, because your job will be to increase our standard of living and raise our working people from a subsistence level."

Among his early chums, Michael F. Smith, vice president of the International Association of Firefighters, said: "If Mitchell is allowed to carry out his own program he will be our greatest Labor Secretary." Other oldtime friends included Sherman G. Kisner, state AFL district vice president, and James J. Rafferty, president of the Union County Central Labor Union.

Mitchell Hedges Bet on Depression

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell knows how to hedge his bets. Mitchell has been contending there won't be a depression. In a speech at Flint, Mich. a few weeks ago he cited the fact that unemployment compensation claims and unemployment payments by states have been dropping off.

"It just doesn't make sense to me that we are heading for a depression in the light of facts like these," he said then.

Last week, however, he asked Congress for an additional \$24,195,000 for unemployment payments for the year beginning July 1. This is about 12 percent more than the \$192,205,000 appropriated for the current year. He told Congress he now sees "some increase in unemployment."

Compensation for on-the-job injuries may depend on the speed and accuracy of the report which you must make.

TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
LOCAL 1020
MONTEREY COUNTY

FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION —THIS YEAR?

Newspapers, magazines, books, radio, television—all of these have been for years repeating the story of how the only way to provide a good educational system in all the states is through United States Government aid to education.

Last year there was a U.S. Senate bill known as the "Oil for the Lamps of Learning" bill which provided that federal aid to education would come from the proceeds of the offshore oil lands turned over to the states from the federal government. The bill passed the Senate but was rushed for time and failed to get through the House.

This year Senator Lister Hill has again introduced a federal aid to education bill, S. 2763. It provides that the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act passed last year shall be amended to give proceeds of the offshore oil to the schools.

Selma Borchardt is an elementary school teacher who also serves after school hours as the American Federation of Teachers' representative at Congress in Washington, D. C. Miss Borchardt keeps informed on all national educational legislation and gives the AFT good representation when Congressional hearings are held on the various bills. She reports that the Hill Bill will have a chance to pass if there is enough public feeling shown in its favor.

President Carl Meget of the American Federation of Teachers says, regarding the passage of such a bill:

"There are farm subsidies for all kinds of farm products—corn, wheat, hogs, cattle, cotton, fruit, and dairy products. There are subsidies to business, railroads, newspapers, power and light, oil and gas. All of these and many more are recipients of federal aid. The American Federation of Teachers has always supported government subsidies when their enactment was definitely to the best interests of all Americans. Now education needs help. Last year support to the Hill Amendment grew so rapidly that if it had had two more weeks we could have secured passage of this vital legislation. Teachers must do what they can to enlighten the citizens of America to an understanding of the real dangers which face American education and enlist their support to create a tornado of public opinion which will have the power to blow this legislation through Congress."

—FRED CLAYSON



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"The economic maladjustment of this period will without a doubt be ironed out before many months have elapsed."—W. Randolph Burgess, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, June 1930.

"I think we are in a period of readjustment. I don't see that it's any more than that."—W. Randolph Burgess, deputy to the Secretary of the Treasury, interview in U.S. News & World Report, December 1953.

What You Can Do

Are you worried about your job?
Does your money seem to go faster for rent, food and other necessities?
Are you tired of paying high taxes on such things as cigarettes and parts you need for your automobile?
Do you feel that 75 cents an hour is too low a floor for wages?
If your answer is "Yes" to these questions, there is something you can do about them. Contribute \$1 to Labor's League for Political Education to help elect friends of the workingman to Congress—men who will do something about the recession, the high cost of living, high taxes on the little fellow and low wages.
And don't forget to register to vote.

\$25.45 Worth of Reason

Here is one big reason industries move to the South: Weekly wage earners in Mississippi factories last year earned an average of \$46.28—or \$25.45 less than the national average of \$71.73.
It is also the reason many southern workers move out of the South.

Catch-Phrase of Reactionaries

The following is an excerpt from a recent speech by A. J. Hayes, President of the I.A.M.:
We in the labor movement are concerned about this growing unemployment. Certainly every sane person can understand why the unemployed are concerned. . . .
Those of us who have been concerned about growing unemployment and loss of purchasing power and want to do something about it now have been caustically criticized. Much of the criticism in the form of politically-coined phrases, used in the absence of logic, emanates from people who themselves are well established financially and need not worry about a job.
It seems to amount to this: Anyone who has the temerity to disagree publicly with the leaders of the Republican Party must now expect to be branded as disloyal to the United States. In other words, security and loyalty have become political footballs.
Americans are being deliberately misled and confused to take their minds off what is really happening to them. . . .
Today our attention is being diverted from the bread and butter questions by the spotlight which has been focused upon the battle of the politicians. Honor and integrity in politics appears to be a thing of the past. Exaggerations, distortions, misleading innuendoes and false accusations seem to be the order of the day.



GEORGE JENKINS
Bus. Agt. Laborers Union 690,
Monterey

The other day we heard a good bit of advice from the local Social Security office. It was worded simply, "Help your employer help you."

They were quite naturally talking about that part of Social Security known as Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance. You see, the benefits under this system are paid on the basis of individual wage records maintained by the Social Security Administration's Central Records Center in Baltimore.

It's quite a job keeping over a hundred million separate accounts. The basic record for this system is the employer's quarterly tax return on which he lists his employees by name, Social Security number, and amount of wages. If the name or number is incorrect or if the number is missing, the wage item cannot be posted until the correct information has been secured.

Your Social Security office urges you to take care of your Social Security card. Guard it from loss or damage. When you go to work for a new employer remember to take your card along. Show it to your employer. Make sure that he copies your name and number exactly as they appear on your Social Security card.

That way you will be helping him to report correctly. He is obligated to pay an employer's share of the Social Security tax and to file a return reporting your name, number, and amount of your wages. The results are posted to your Social Security account to help you in your old age or to help your family in the event of your death.

So we again urge you to "Help your employer help you" by making sure that he has a record of your full name and your correct Social Security number.

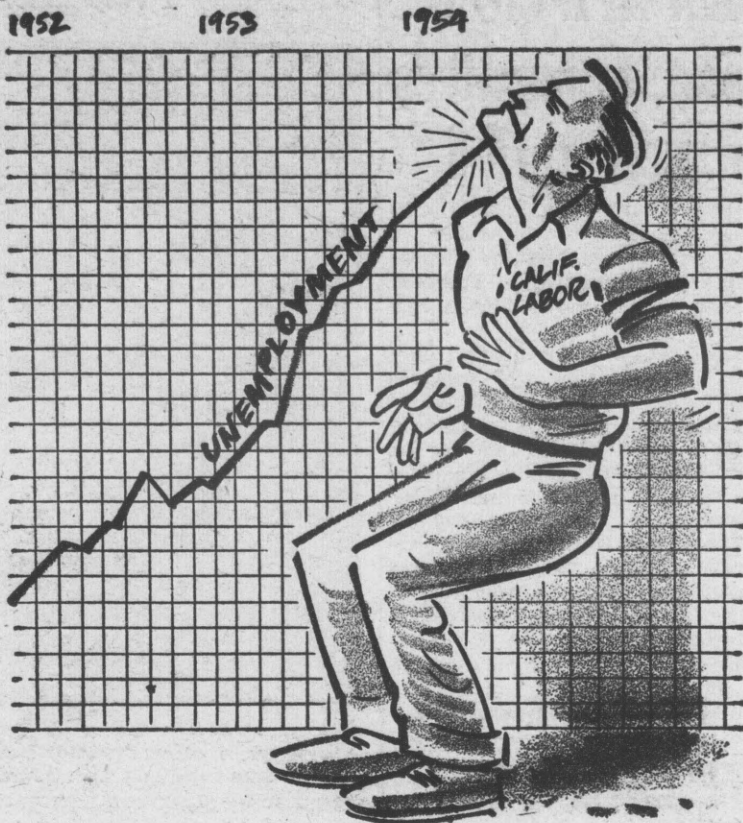
Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYpress 2-2480.

Your social security account number is necessary for your employer to report your earnings each calendar quarter.

IS YOUR DEPT
100% UNION?



UPPERCUT!



IAM DECLARED READY TO SIGN AFL-CIO NO-RAIDING PACT NOW

The International Association of Machinists nearly 900,000 strong, is prepared to sign the no-raiding agreement between the AFL and the CIO, IAM President Al Hayes announced last week during a national staff conference at Chicago.

CLOSE RANKS, ORGANIZE

The IAM president disclosed that the Executive Council is unanimously in favor of supporting the no-raiding agreement as a first step toward an eventual merger of the two union organizations.

"Faced with a hostile Administration in Washington and in many state capitals and with mounting unemployment and layoffs, labor's only recourse is to close ranks and to get on with the job of organizing," Hayes explained.

"Under the circumstances we face today," he said, "it seems obvious that unions can no longer afford to be diverted from their primary task by minor internal squabbles, disputes and raids."

The Executive Council went into session at Chicago to work out minor details in preparation for signing the no-raiding agreement.

The announcement by the IAM was the first by a major AFL union in support of the agreement worked out last year by the AFL Executive Council and ratified without a dissenting vote at the AFL convention at St. Louis.

Mr. Hayes also disclosed that the IAM will support the program for establishing machinery to settle jurisdictional disputes among the AFL unions.

At the staff conference Mr. Hayes and other members of the Executive Council reported in detail on the progress being made in direct negotiation for jurisdictional agreements with other AFL unions.

Two such agreements already have been signed, one with the Teamsters, the other with the printing Pressmen. A tentative agreement has been reached with the AFL Textile Workers.

Negotiations are now under way with three other AFL unions, the Carpenters, the Plumbers and the Ironworkers.

Negotiations are expected to begin shortly between the IAM and officers of the AFL Electrical Workers, Operating Engineers, Sheet Metal Workers, and the Air-line Pilots.

The IAM president reported to the staff representatives that membership in the IAM is now higher than ever before. He traced the increased IAM strength from 514,000 in 1949 to nearly 900,000 members today.

COURT UPHOLDS 'TIDELANDS' BILL, BLACK DISSENTS

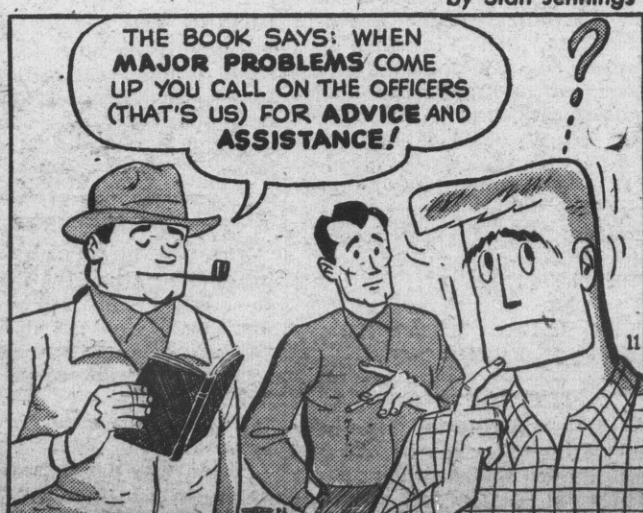
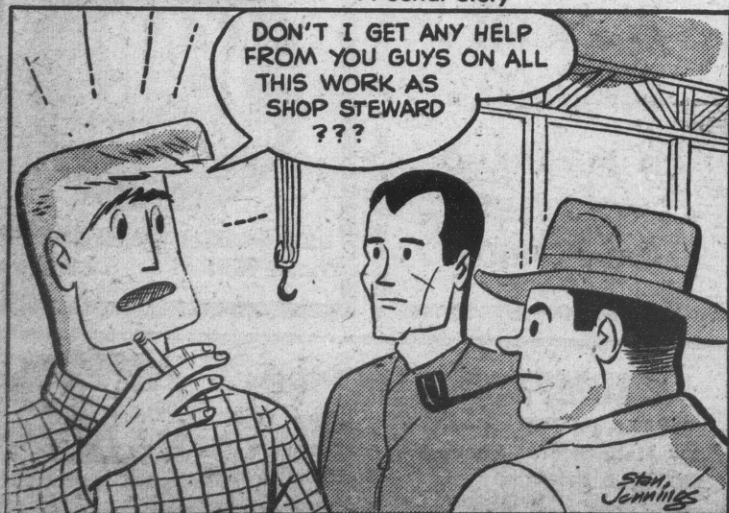
Washington — The Supreme Court held that Alabama and Rhode Island do not have the right to challenge the constitutionality of the offshore oil act, commonly known as the "tidelands" bill.

The court, with Justice Hugo Black and William Douglas dissenting, ruled that the power of Congress to do as it wishes with public lands "is without limitation."

Said Black, "Congress has here transferred to the states substantial power over the ocean. This necessarily makes less readily available the nation's power to protect the freedom of the seas—a power essential to keep peace and friendship among the nations of the world."

A total of 3,675,467 passengers passed through British airports during 1953.

"UNION MAID"—A Serial Story



by Stan Jennings

Humphrey Plan Would Sell Excess Milk, Butter to Aged and Needy At Price They Can Afford to Pay

Washington—An outlet for surplus dairy products rather than cutting prices to farmers was proposed by Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) in a National Dairy Diet Dividend Act.

The measure, for improving the nation's health standards, was set forth in a bill presented by Humphrey and four co-

sponsors, Sen. Russell B. Long (D., La.), Sen. Wayne Morse (L., Ore.), Sen. Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), and Sen. Robert S. Kerr (D., Okla.).

It calls for issuance of Dairy Diet Dividend Certificates to persons eligible for public assistance benefits. Through the certificates, they could buy at discount prices the minimum monthly amount of dairy products necessary to satisfy nutritional needs of a proper diet.

"The benefits," Humphrey said, "would extend to 12 million people. If it only enabled the recipients to get an extra quart of milk and a half pound of butter a week, it would mean a new outlet for 634 million quarts of milk and 312,000 pounds of butter a year, more than wiping out any so-called dairy surplus and making it unnecessary for heavy government purchase and storage of such commodities."

Under provisions of the act

- 1) included would be persons receiving old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind, aid to permanently and totally disabled, federal old age and survivors insurance, unemployment compensation, or public assistance from a state or subdivision of one;
- 2) the certificates would be cashed through normal retail outlets;
- 3) existing federal, state and county welfare departments would carry on the program.

House Votes, 411 to 3, To Cut Excise Taxes

The House, by a roll call vote of 411 to 3, passed and sent to the Senate a bill cutting federal excise taxes by almost \$1 billion, effective April 1. The overwhelming vote came despite an Administration stand against the bill.

The measure would trim excise rates higher than 10 per cent to a flat 10 per cent. The tax affects furs, jewelry, luggage, toilet goods, sporting goods, pens, mechanical pencils, lighters, firearms, cameras, lenses, film, admissions, club dues and initiations, communications and transportation.

U.S., Mexico Come to Terms On Workers

Mexico City.—The United States and Mexico signed a new agreement here that permits recruiting of Mexicans for work on U.S. farms. The agreement, signed by U.S. Ambassador Francis White and Acting Mexican Foreign Minister Jose Gorostiza, was reached without consultation with trade union leaders. It runs to Dec. 31, 1955.

The new agreement opens a new recruiting station at Mexicali, and stations at Monterrey and Chihuahua will be reactivated. With stations nearer the border, the number of wetbacks may be reduced.

American labor still demands:

- 1) a substantial increase in the border patrol;
- 2) legislation that clearly establishes that an employer who hires wetbacks is subject to fine;
- 3) consultation with labor groups in the localities before a shortage of manpower in the area is declared;
- 4) hearings, including testimony from labor organizations, before a prevailing wage is set in an area.

American and Mexican labor organization representatives will meet in Washington on the subject March 20.

The AFL won a partial victory in that an agreement has been signed taking the place of the unilateral recruitment plan just passed by the Congress.

Gladly

Observed an aging newsman covering hearings of the Senate subcommittee investigating juvenile delinquency: "I'd be glad to be a little more delinquent if I could only be a little more juvenile!"

AFL UNION MAN BECOMES PRESIDENT OF MANHATTAN

New York (LPA)—An AFL member for more than 20 years, Hulan E. Jack now holds the \$25,000-a-year position of president of the Borough of Manhattan, the principal section of the largest city in the world.

Of significance also to union members and all other citizens is the fact that he has reached the highest local elective office ever attained by a Negro in the history of the United States.

There have, of course, been many outstanding Negro Congressmen dating all the way back to the days of the Reconstruction when a number of Negroes were elected to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Jack joined Paper Box Makers Local 299, AFL Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, on July 17, 1933, and has been in continuous good standing ever since.

He was born in the British West Indies Dec. 29, 1906, and came to the United States at the age of 16, taking a job in a paper box factory, going to high school at night. He continued this arrangement when he attended New York University, where he majored in business administration. Eventually he became vice-president of the Peerless Paper Box Co., a position he resigned last Dec. 31, the day before his inauguration as borough president.

In 1940 he was first elected to the New York State Assembly and

has been re-elected seven consecutive times, resigning this office also upon his Manhattan inauguration.

VIGOROUS FIGHTER

FOR RIGHTS

In his 13 years in the legislature, Jack established a record as a vigorous fighter for civil and human rights, against discrimination, for the rights of labor, slum clearance, veterans' rights—"for all of the people all of the time."

Saying "No man is free if all men are not free," he introduced bills to end discrimination in public and semi-public housing, in liability insurance and in other areas, and succeeded in winning passage in 1945 of his measure to outlaw discrimination in employment.

He also fought and voted against the 3 per cent New York City sales tax, the 15 per cent rent increase and the Transit Authority. He led an attack against the Hughes-Brees unemployment insurance bill, which denied benefits to seasonal workers.



SEEK PAY RAISE—Members of the Government Employees Council roll up their sleeves as they prepare to carry on the fight for an \$800 across-the-board increase for U. S. Employees. Seated left to right, Wm. Thomas, pres., Natl. Postal Transport Assn.; Russ Stevens, pres., Tech. Engineers; Leo George, pres., Post Office Clerks, and Mike Naves, pres., Postal Supervisors. Standing: Geo. Warfel, pres., Special Delivery Messengers; T. G. Walters, operations director, Government Employees Council, and James Campbell, pres., AFGE.

Unemployment Real Problem In Eastern Pa.

Eaton, Pa. — Unemployment, in many instances reminiscent of the Hoover depression, is plaguing virtually every section of eastern Pennsylvania.

That's what delegates to the Conference of Eastern Pennsylvania Central Labor Unions reported at a meeting in the new Easton CLU headquarters last Sunday.

Edward Callaghan, of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, declared that conditions in the hosiery industry today "are tougher than in 1909 when the union was organized."

One result is that Rep. Augustine B. Kelley, Democrat of recession-hit Westmoreland County, Pa.—a major coal producing center—has introduced a bill to launch a \$6½ billion joint federal-local works program modeled along the PWA program of the last 1930's, but keyed to the objectives of the Full Employment Act of 1946.

"With unemployment over the three million mark, the time to argue over whether it's a recession or 'adjustment' is past," the veteran Congressman, a member of the House Labor Committee, declared. "There's no sense in waiting. . . The time to act is now."

Kelley's bill would authorize federal grants of up to \$3 billion to states or their subdivisions to cover 45 percent of the cost of individual projects. The state or local sponsoring agency would have to provide the other 55 percent. This was the ratio used by the Public Works Administration.

While retaining features of PWA, Kelley's bill calls for close consultation on the part of the proposed new PWA administrator with the President's Council of Economic Advisers in order to "materially assist in carrying out the continuing policy and responsibility of the Federal government" under the Employment Act of 1946 "including the promotion of useful employment opportunities for those able, willing and seeking to work, and in promoting maximum employment production, and purchasing power."

GM Has Net Profit Of \$598 Million

New York City.—General Motors sold more goods last year than any business enterprise in history—more than \$10 billion worth.

Its net profits—after all taxes and expenses—amounted to \$598 million, its third best year on record.

Follow Safety Rules!

About the Reber Plan

The Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, at a meeting in Washington last week, gave final approval to plans for a comprehensive study of the San Francisco Bay and the Bay Area, according to word from John F. Shelley, congressman from San Francisco. Earlier the engineers had recommended such a survey to determine what plan for development of the area is the most feasible. Proponents of the Reber plan have hailed the engineers' recommendations as a great victory.—THE EDITOR.

By JOHN REBER

Continuing the theme of last week's article regarding the 1,000-people-per-day influx of new people migrating to California, it cannot be too strongly stressed that 1,000 per day means 7,000 per week, 30,000 per month, and 365,000 per year. Furthermore, it needs to be kept in mind that this population increase from out-of-California into-California is at a never-let-up pace, and amounts to a million in less than three years.

California has 58 counties, as all know. And all know the most populous county is Los Angeles and the least populous Alpine. Alpine County only has 270 people; so it would only require several hours of "migration-to-California" to equal the entire population of Alpine County. Sierra County only has 3,000 population; and 3,000 people arrive in California from out-of-State to become permanent residents every three days, or as many people as live in the entire county of Sierra. Trinity County's 6,000 population is "duplicated" every six days; and Amador and Calaveras counties, each with approximately 10,000 population, are duplicated every 10 days, or both those counties in 20 days. Colusa County's 11,500 population is duplicated every 11½ days; Del Norte's every 13½ days; Glenn County every 15½ days; El Dorado every 17 days, and such better known counties as Sutter and Yuba would have their populations duplicated in less than a month.

What is aimed at in these comparisons is that such a steady and consistent influx of population from out-of-California demands from California almost a complete duplication of everything in the way of development which will be found in the various counties cited (with the possible exception of building a Court House, Jail, and other County buildings) within the time set forth.

Such means the expenditure of mammoth amounts of work and mammoth amounts of capital. And it again stresses that by the time the roads, streets, water systems, sewers, electric and gas installations, telephones, together with the homes, TV, gardens, lawns, furnishings, and all that goes with modern living has been expended, plus the automobile, an average of 10 thousand dollars per person will have been expended just to get these people established.

Alameda County, according to

the latest population estimates of the County Supervisors' Association of California, has a population of 769,300. With 365,000 new people arriving in California every year, in two years there would be 730,000 arrive, or nearly as many as live in the entire county of Alameda. Time California is called upon to "duplicate Alameda County" every two years in over-all development.

Northern California, and particularly our San Francisco Bay Region, has not been gaining its share of these wealth-producing population influxes. Southern California has hit a veritable gold mine by absorbing the greater number of them. It is to make possible and to make certain our Bay Region will take on the additional hundreds of thousands and millions certain to want to reside and work here that the Reber Plan takes its firmest grip on those looking to the future, because in the Reber Plan is contained all those requisites necessary to add many millions in population growth and billions in new wealth to the Bay Area.

Wage Gains Can Be Won In South, ILGWU Proves Despite Anti-Union Drive

Andrews, S.C. (ILNS). — The South can be organized and wage gains CAN be won. The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union proved that here, though its organizers had to overcome great obstacles.

An agreement with Oneita Knitting Mills brought 150 members a 10% general wage increase, employer's contribution of 1½% of payroll for health and welfare funds—and the union shop.

Signing of the contract, unanimously approved by the workers, followed ILGWU's smashing 4 to 1 triumph in an NLRB representation election last September after a year-long organizational drive by the Southeast staff. It was the first major election victory in the state.

During the campaign, organizers had to counter anti-union propaganda pushed by a town group seeking to attack industry on the basis of low labor rates and real estate tax rebates. Other gains included the workers' first paid vacation—a week—and holidays—two.

Your Labor Paper — Read — Pass It On! Spread the Truth!

Murray Asks Minimum Wage Hike, Less Hours

Sen. James Murray (D., Mont.) introduced legislation to raise the federal minimum wage from 75 cents to \$1.25 an hour, reduce the work-week to 37½ hours now and 35 hours at the end of two years, and bring several million additional workers under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

In introducing his bill, Murray took issue with President Eisenhower's failure to recommend a higher minimum wage and cited it as another example of a Republican failure to perform on a promise.

Linking the minimum wage issue with the conflict over farm parity prices, the Montana senator declared, "This Administration won office by promising the farmers that it would support 90 per cent parity prices and try to get 100 per cent parity for them. Subsequently, the Administration's Secretary of Labor promised action to raise minimum wages and to broaden coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Now the Administration has failed to keep both its promises and it's up to us Democrats to carry out what they are content to talk about. We've got to do it or the recession we are now in will turn into a full-fledged depression."

Characterizing the Administration's reasoning on both farm and labor problems as "unsound," Senator Murray said: "They seek to alibi Republican failure to support parity prices by talking of 'insurmountable surpluses.' The fact is that if all our children and our elderly people were to get the meat, the bread, the butter, and the warm clothing they need, our so-called surplus would disappear overnight. But apparently they would rather liquidate the farmer than the surplus."

"With the same brand of reasoning, they say that while higher minimum wages are badly needed and would be a good thing for our economy, we cannot have them now because business is undergoing a readjustment," the Montana senator continued.

Getting Us in the End

Sales tax or producers' tax—
No matter how you say it—
Whichever tax Congress backs,
We'll be the ones to pay it.

ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION LED BIG LOBBY SPENDERS IN '53

The National Association of Electric Companies spent more money during the first nine months of 1953 for lobbying than any other organization, latest figures showed.

According to reports filed by registered lobbyists with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate, the NAEC spent more than \$386,000 in an effort to influence Congressional legislation. The association's chief campaign has been in opposition to public power.

The utility lobby led all groups in lobby spending in 1952 with a total of \$478,000.

The second largest lobby spender during the first three quarters of last year was the Association of American Railroads. It reported spending almost \$161,000. It ranked third in total expenses the year before.

LABOR LAGS BEHIND

The American Medical Association, continuing its propaganda against adequate health payment

National Association of Electric Companies	\$386,074.24
Association of American Railroads	160,888.35
American Medical Association	98,242.36
American Federation of Labor	92,474.50
U.S. Chamber of Commerce	90,988.05
National Association of Real Estate Boards	88,898.00
National Economic Council, Inc.	84,019.70
Southern States Industrial Council	76,518.48
American Farm Bureau Federation	75,217.00
Council of State Chambers of Commerce	70,444.17
American Legion	65,204.44
Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway Association (for St. Lawrence Seaway)	61,880.16
National Federation of Post Office Clerks	61,763.49
National Milk Producers Federation	52,424.49

State Fed. Seeks Prompt Action on Unemployment

Long Beach.—Prompt Federal and state government action to fight unemployment was demanded by the executive council of the California State Federation of Labor at its quarterly meeting.

The council declared the state legislature should not only increase unemployment insurance benefits, but should make use of current reserve funds to launch a useful public works program as called for by the Post-War Unemployment and Construction Act of 1945.

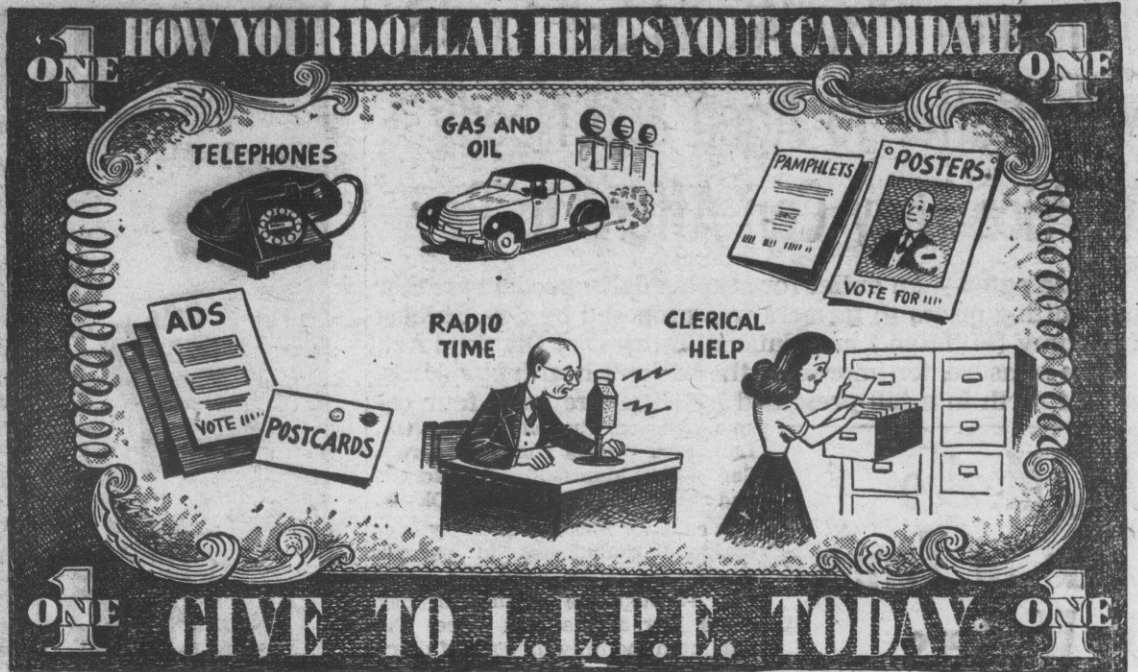
Other proposals asked for construction of necessary state reservoirs, canals and water-power distribution systems; granting of Federal funds for hospital and school construction; building of 135,000 public housing units a year, recognition of West Coast shipyards in naval contract work; continuation of the proviso that U.S. vessels be awarded 50 per cent of all cargoes in foreign aid programs; boosting of state unemployment insurance benefits; and increasing state and federal minimum wage levels.

Avert Hoover Depression, L. A. Labor Council Warns

Los Angeles.—The Los Angeles Central Labor Council appealed to city, county, state and national authorities to take immediate steps to prevent a repetition of the "Hoover depression."

The council unanimously adopted a resolution stating that cuts in purchasing power of the people resulting from job losses can cause a major depression by mid-1954.

Your union is as democratic as you make it—Attend meetings.



Furuseth Anniversary Recalls Seafarers History

Brooklyn, N.Y.—The 100th anniversary of the birth of Andrew Furuseth on March 12 recalled one of the most colorful and great characters of labor union history.

Furuseth, said the Seafarers Log, is recognized by men who go to sea as the man who more than anyone else was responsible for ending the virtual slavery conditions under which seamen had served. His work went on for half a century from the time he first came to this country.

"When Furuseth, a Norwegian native, arrived in San Francisco in 1886," said the Seafarers Log, "it was standard practice under all flags for the captain to have absolute and unquestioned control over the crew."

FOUGHT SEAMEN'S BATTLES
"Crew members were compelled by law to complete their voyages no matter how brutal the skipper or how bad their quarters, working conditions and food. If a seaman quit a ship under pressure of unbearable conditions he was classed as a deserter or a mutineer and severely punished accordingly."

"Beatings, floggings and even torture were not uncommon on ships of those days and seamen were powerless to resist these conditions."

"Furuseth was convinced that the only way to improve conditions of seamen was to band together in a union and fight for changes in maritime legislation. He believed that his best chance of doing so rested in the United States. Consequently he settled in the States and fought his biggest battles in Washington."

"When he got to California, he threw in his lot with the infant Sailors Union of the Pacific and soon became its leader and the spokesman for seamen everywhere in their fight for recognition."

"His initial victory came in 1885 with the passage of the Maguire Act abolishing the desertion law in the coastwise trade. Seamen in that trade were free to pay off a ship if they found conditions were not to their liking. The law made it possible for seamen to hang up a ship if conditions were intolerable and win some improvements for themselves."

SCORES ANOTHER VICTORY
"As an additional safeguard, the law prohibited crimps from receiving allotments from their skipper. It was the first step in the fight to break the infamous partnership of the crimp hall operator and the shipowner."

"Three years later, Furuseth scored another major gain when he won passage of the White Act. This law extended Maguire Act provisions to offshore vessels. It also prohibited beatings and floggings of seamen and gave them the right to draw on their wages at any port of call."

"These early successes spurred him on to the next major step which was 18 years in coming. Where other men might have grown discouraged, Furuseth pressed ahead vigorously with tireless and inflexible determination until his efforts were crowned in

success by passage of the Seamen's Act of 1915.

"The act, sponsored by the late Robert La Follette, Sr., of Wisconsin, extended the desertion ban to foreign vessels in American ports. It had the long-range effect of freeing merchant seamen all over the world from the infamous desertion rule."

"The act also spelled out a multitude of safeguards for seafaring men, including increased food space, better food, safety provisions and other regulations that have since been improved on and expanded through legislation and international conferences as well as through union contracts."

"Furuseth was well-known in the maritime industry for his ability to strike a colorful phrase as well as for his achievements for seamen. Perhaps the most famous of them was his classic reply to a judge who issued an injunction against him for contempt of court. As quoted through the years it reads as follows:

"You can put me in jail. But you cannot give me narrower quarters than as a seaman I have always had. You cannot give me coarser food than I have always eaten. You cannot make me lonelier than I have always been. I put the injunction in my pocket and I go to jail."

"Furuseth died on Jan. 24, 1938. According to his last request, he was buried at sea off the Schoharie on March 21, 1938, after a brief ceremony attended by a handful of observers."

For the Ladies—Appetizing Lunch Boxes

The pleasure of mid-day lunch break is an important morale factor, either at school or on the job. A well-filled lunch box can contribute much to this enjoyment.

In preparing lunch boxes, remember that you're not limited to sandwiches. Side dishes will add variety to the lunch and give it more substance. When you fix casseroles, chowders and stews, make up extra portions for the lunch box. They can be kept hot if packed in a wide-mouthed thermos jar. Paper containers can be purchased for custards, salads and stewed fruit to further round out meals eaten away from home.

For good nutrition, always include one raw vegetable or fruit, such as carrot sticks, celery, green pepper, apples or pears. Wrapped in foil, they will stay crisp and add to the appeal of boxed lunches.

You'll make your work easier if you can, at the beginning of the

REPORT immediately all safety HAZARDS!

Meany Objects To Provisions of Security Act

Washington.—In a letter to Sen. John M. Butler (R., Md.) AFL President George Meany expressed objection to two amendments on Communists in labor organizations proposed as part of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

OPEN TO GRAVE ABUSE

Meany's letter to Butler, a member of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, noted that one of the measures would make a labor organization ineligible to act as a bargaining agent if the Subversives Activities Control Board believed any given set of charge had merit, and before they had even been investigated.

A charge could be filed by any employer or other person in the course of a labor dispute, thus opening the door to abuse by employers. . . . Such investigation alone might seriously damage and interfere with the efforts of the organization to represent the employees involved."

AFL Winning Fight To Crush Old ILA Defying Court Rule

Washington, D.C. (ILNS)—The AFL is making heavy gains in its fight to end the waterfront reign of corrupt leaders of the old International Longshoremen's Association, expelled from the federation last September, President George Meany disclosed here.

He rechartered 8 locals in Florida with about 1500 members returning to the AFL and "this is just a beginning" among 19,000 southern longshoremen, he said. Meany and several ILA-AFL officers at the news conference said longshoremen representatives from the South Atlantic and Gulf area had voted down an invitation to affiliate with the United Mine Workers. The new charters were issued to 5 locals in the Jacksonville area and 3 in the Tampa area.

Meanwhile, March 8 members of the ousted ILA continued a "wildcat" strike begun 4 days earlier in the port of New York despite a promise of their leader that they would return to work under peril of a contempt of court citation. An injunction had been issued for them to terminate a week-long boycott against freight trucks by members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

The National Labor Relations Board in seeking the citation had 25 or more affidavits charging the tieup was deliberate, planned and directed in violation of the no-strike order. Leaders of the racket-ridden union claimed the strike was a "spontaneous" demonstration by resentful and angry members dismayed by the federal court injunction.

Follow Safety Rules!

SALINAS—Home of California Rodeo



Local 890

General Teamsters, Warehousemen and Helpers' Union

274 E. Alisal Street, Salinas

Don't forget to register to vote. The closing date for registration for the Primary Election is April 15th; if you have not registered, do so immediately.

We were honored by a visit from Mr. Fred Farr, who has filed for the Assembly of our district. Mr. Farr lives on the

Peninsula and has been a champion of the working people for several years. Also Mr. Tim O'Reilly from San Luis Obispo who has filed his intentions as Congressmen for the 13th district on the Democratic ticket to take the place of Mr. Bramblett. Mr. O'Reilly is Mayor of San Luis Obispo and also recognizes the fact that in order to have continued prosperity the workers must receive adequate wages and decent working conditions. However, we are going to listen to their opponents and we hope to have all the candidates at our meetings so that you might hear for yourselves and question them on their qualifications to represent us in Sacramento and also in Washington.

I have recently made the following assignments for the Business Agents for the next few months:

Glen Wilkerson — Construction, Material Drivers, Freight Drivers, Van and Storage, Furniture, Sales Drivers, Bread and Milk Drivers.

Ray Burditt—Canneries, Gilroy and Hollister area, Frozen Foods, Beverage, Lumber Drivers, Laundry, Castroville area and packing sheds.

Irvin Duncan—Produce Drivers, Ice, Box and Shook, Vacuum Coolers, Service Stations, Rapid Harvest and Vegetable Harvest, Seed Houses, Cabs, Sears and Pet Milk Company.

If a Business Agent has not been on your job recently contact this office.

The following contracts are open for negotiations: Line Drivers, AGC, Box and Shook, Beer and Soft Drinks; Rapid Harvest and Vegetable Harvesting; Wholesale Ice; Vacuum Cooler; Del Monte Properties and frozen foods. We have had a couple of meetings with the milk industry but to date we have not received in our judgment a suitable offer to bring back to the membership.

Your Secretary and Business Agent Wilkerson had a meeting with Central Supply Company and we believe a suitable adjustment will come out for the new mixers of five yard capacity classification.

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Your Secretary is attending the Warehouse and Produce Council meeting in Los Vegas this week, at which time very important matters will be taken up regarding produce drivers, stitchers and the vacuum cool operation also the various fresh packing sheds.

The following are the members who donated blood during the month of March: Glen Hall, Edwin Thomsen, Donald Morris, David Fox, Richard Coyle and Russell Abbott.

New Advances Made on Polio

New York (LNS) — The paralyzing "fangs" have been removed from all three types of polio viruses without killing the viruses, Dr. Albert B. Sabin, a leading virus scientist, has announced.

It was a notable laboratory achievement, carrying the eventual possibility of a safe "live virus" vaccine which would bestow immunity to polio for many years, if not for life.

However, Dr. Sabin said his de-fanged live viruses were far from being ready to inject into human beings. For one thing, he said, he couldn't be positive they wouldn't regain their paralyzing virulence.

The experimental polio vaccine with which 500,000 to 1,000,000 school children will be vaccinated this spring uses viruses which have been "killed" chemically, with formaldehyde.

STATE TAXES DUE APRIL 15

California taxpayers are urged by Robert C. Kirkwood, Chairman of the Franchise Tax Board, to file their income tax returns as early as possible this year. He stated that because of the greater number of returns to be filed this year it will not be possible to give taxpayers the individual attention desirable unless they come in early.

Thursday, April 15, is the last day for filing without penalty. All single persons with net income of \$2,000 or more and all married couples with combined net incomes of \$3,500 or more are required to file returns.

Your best investment in humanity—a strong union!

Salinas ex-Barber Succumbs in Reno

Hugh ("Curley") Glass, former member of Salinas Barbers Union 827, passed away recently in Reno, where he was visiting, according to Jimmie Butler, union secretary. Bro. Glass had been under treatment at a veterans' hospital. He was buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno.

Guy Falbo, veteran member of Local 827, has been transferred from a Salinas hospital to the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, where he is to undergo an operation shortly. He has asked friends to write him in care of the U.S. Navy Hospital Oak Knoll, 8750 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, Calif., Butler said.



J. S. MILNE

D. W. Tracy Resigns As IBEW President

The resignation of Daniel W. Tracy as President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was announced from Washington, D. C., just before our press time. Tracy will be given the post of President Emeritus, effective April 15, 1954. He will be succeeded by J. Scott Milne, the present International Secretary-Treasurer.

Tracy was first elected International President in 1933. He served continuously until 1941, at which time he resigned to accept the post of Assistant Secretary of Labor in the cabinet of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Tracy served in this post, under Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, until 1946. He was again elected President of the IBEW at the 1946 convention in a hotly contested election.

Tracy, formerly the business manager of a Texas IBEW local union, has a long and distinguished record of service to the nation and the IBEW. He served as an International Vice-President of the Southern District from 1919 until his first election to the presidency in 1933. He has also been a member of the AFL General Executive Council for many years.

J. Scott Milne, who will serve out Tracy's unexpired term, started his labor career in the 1920s as business manager of Local 125 in Portland, Ore. He served as Vice-President of the Ninth District of the IBEW for many years and was first elected as International Secretary in 1947, upon the resignation of Secretary G. M. Bugniet.

While details have not yet been confirmed, it is understood that Secretary Milne's position will be filled by Joseph Keenan, who is presently the Secretary of the National Building Trades Department of the AFL. Keenan, who was the first National Director of the AFL Labor League for Political Education, is a former official of the Chicago Building Trades Council and is the Recording Secretary of IBEW Local 134 of Chicago. Keenan also held a government post during World War II, with the War Production Board.

Appointment of Milne and Keenan will hold only until the International Union's convention, which

THE EAGLETON AERIE IS MAKING AN EFFORT TO CONVERT IT'S BOWLING CHAMP INTO A SOFTBALL PITCHER!



LONG BEACH PROGRAM CALLED INNOCULATION AGAINST PERMANENT

Long Beach — The hospital plan being ballyhooed as the Long Beach Plan is a poor substitute for adequate medical care.

One of the front men is a doctor, Malcolm Todd, who is company doctor for a big oil company in Long Beach and who was the private doctor for Richard Nixon during the campaign.

The Long Beach Plan is nothing more than another scheme to slow down the expansion of the Permanent hospitals which give adequate medical care not dominated by the medical brass.

The Long Beach Plan is a sort of vaccination. It would give the citizens a harmless little bug to keep them from getting the real thing.

Your Labor Paper —
Read — Pass It On!
Spread the Truth!

is slated for August 31 of this year. At that time, all International offices will be open for nominations and elections.

Employment, Sales, Production Drop; Food Prices Climb

Here are the latest economic developments:

1. Industrial employment fell 300,000 in February.
2. Wholesale food prices climbed another four cents to a three-year high in the Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., index.
3. Production failed to pick up in February as it usually does.
4. Retail store sales dropped \$379 million in February as against the same month in 1953.

Hear Frank Edwards!



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Record Entries Seen for Coming Dog Club Shows

Entries for the coming two-day dog shows of kennel clubs in Salinas and Santa Cruz, April 24 and 25, are expected to be near the 700 mark, setting a new record for interest in the shows. The events will be held in Salinas the first day, in Santa Cruz the next.

Mrs. Dorothy Mattos, wife of Secretary John Mattos of Salinas Laborers Union 272, is active in preparing for the shows. She reports that donations of trophies and awards passed all expectations and that inquiries about the show are unusually great.

In the past each club has held individual shows. This year, however, it was agreed to combine the shows into a two-day event, alternating cities. Dog owners may get double points and bigger and better awards. Convention bureaus are giving full support to the shows.

Behind the Plank

By GEORGE ANTONICH

Heard a cute new song the other day—called, Put The Sawdust Back on the Floor (or we won't come here any more). Honest! Heard it on a local radio station. Brought back nostalgic memories of the good old days of the barrelhouse piano, red-gartered dancing girls, nickel beer and the Free Lunch counter.

We're beginning to take for granted such weird concoctions as the comparatively new Grasshopper, Firefly, Yello Monkey and Pink Squirrel; but one that never fails to amaze is the Gangerene. A product of the fertile brain of our cigar-smoking friend Colgrove, of the Vet's Memorial Hall, the Gangerene consists of Green Creme de Menthe, Coca-Cola and Scotch. He actually drinks 'em!

Short-Shots: Jack O'Brien, who never forgets a face, a name, or your favorite tune is back at the Towne Club entertaining at the piano nightly . . . Johnny Farr, of The Corral—the only bartender in town whose customers regularly check his ID—is talking about going into the hamburger business . . . For our money the best gal bartender in this or any other town is Dotty Marsh of The Gateway . . . "Fearless" Jack Riordon, local juke-box technician, raconteur, man-about-town, and sometimes bartender, amazed the crowd when he sat down to play the piano the other night. Nobody laughed. The guy's good!

A "Mickey" for the monster who organized The Prairie Oyster as a cure for the hangover. It consists of a pony of Cognac, one teaspoon vinegar, one tablespoon worcestershire sauce, one teaspoon ketchup, a teaspoon of Angostura and the yolk of a raw egg. Mix in Old-Fashioned glass over an ice cube and drop in the egg yolk. Swallow without breaking the yolk. Tried one the other a.m. and came to the conclusion that I was better off with the hangover.

One For The Road: The customer was really drinking heavily, because, he told the bartender, "my wife ran away with my best friend." Was he handsome? "I don't know. I never met the guy."

Union Principles for Union Men

Attend your meetings regularly.

Understand the Rules of Order and Procedure. Never buy from unfair establishments.

Insist on Union Labels and Shop Cards. Organize and keep on organizing. Neutralize gossip with fact.

Meet your honest obligations.

Accept responsibility in the affairs of the Local. Never forget—"In Union There Is Strength."

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Saw this in the Butcher Workman:

TEN TIPS TO LABOR LEADERS

1. A MEMBER is the most important person in the union.
2. A MEMBER is not dependent on us—the union is dependent on him.
3. A MEMBER does not interrupt your work—he is the purpose of the union.
4. A MEMBER protects the union when he calls—we are not doing him a favor by serving him.
5. A MEMBER is part of the union—not an outsider.
6. A MEMBER is not a cold statistic—he is a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like the leaders.
7. A MEMBER is not someone to argue with or to match wits with.
8. A MEMBER is a person who brings us a grievance—it is the job of the leaders to correct the grievance.
9. A MEMBER is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment a leader can give him.
10. A MEMBER is the lifeblood of the union—without him there is no union.

Business agent luncheons once monthly now regularly held by officials of labor unions in Monterey and San Mateo Counties. Unusually good results from these informal meetings. Funny how different a problem looks over a cup of coffee!

Four unions for public workers in San Jose now (five, if you count teachers!) firemen, policemen, nurses, city engineers and public works dept. Crewmen have individual locals.

Tom Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters asks: "Kill that rumor that there is work in Monterey—covered a two-mile area and found only two carpenters working—half so full of idle carpenters I can't open my office door until they move!"

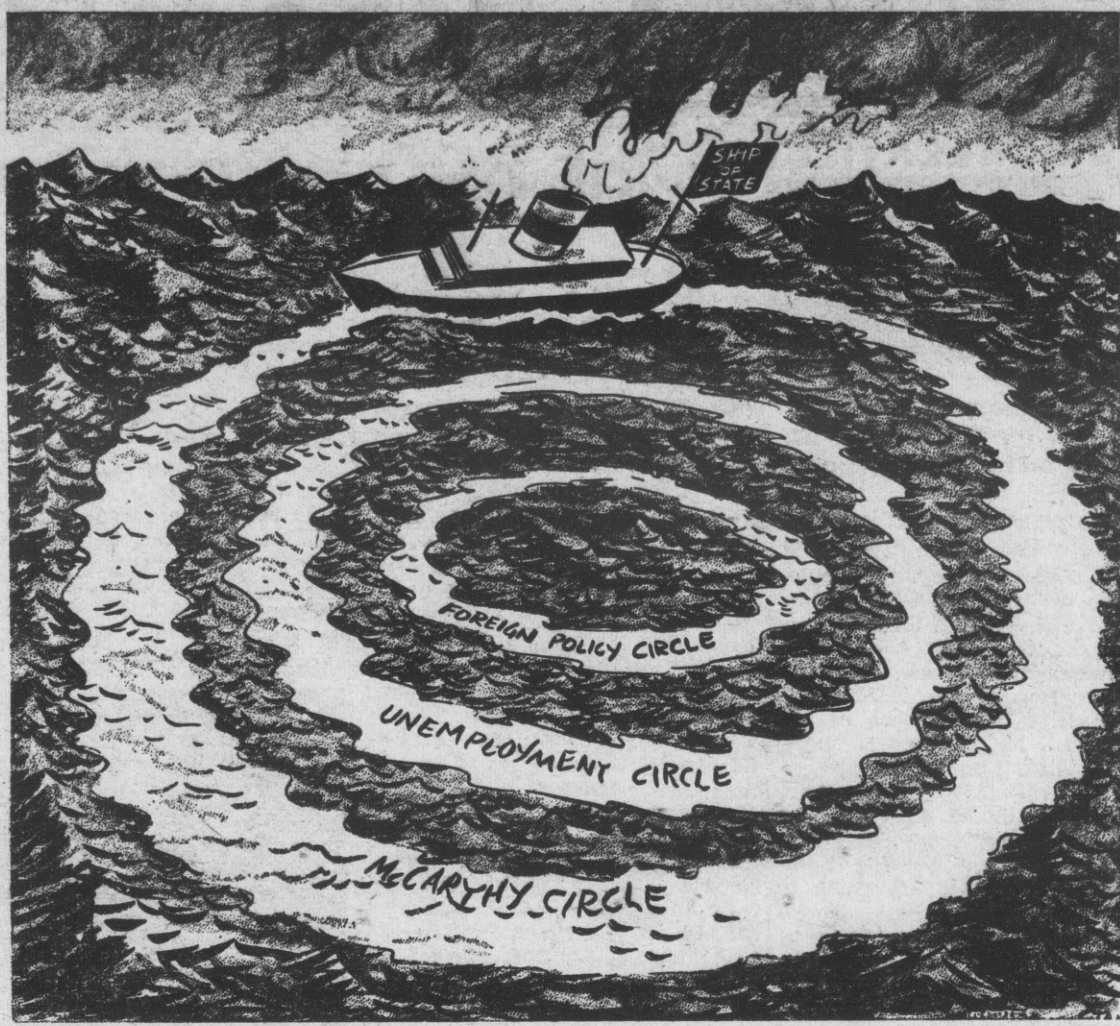
Good news for friends of Bill Empie, Laborers business agent in Salinas. He got out of the hospital last weekend, his heart much stronger.

Understand Santa Cruz restaurant owners and hotel operators are seeking to negotiate a contract with Culinary Union now—want to get the heat-off and maybe get some conventions which are bypassing Santa Cruz because of anti-labor conditions, we suppose.

Mountain View Carpenters Hall—newest union hall in the area—just completed. Open house last Saturday. Salinas Carpenters are remodeling their hall.

Hear that about 90 per cent of workers at the big Ford Plant in San Jose will come with the plant from Richmond. Still should be several hundred jobs filled with new people by time the Fords start down the assembly line in June, 1955.

Who's Steering



McCarthy-Slanted 'Facts Forum' Hit By Labor Bodies

"Facts Forum" the radio and television show whose "facts" always seem to oppose labor's point of view, has been given a good going over by I.A.M. District 776 at Dallas.

Members of the big Consolidated-Vultee district know the program. It originates at Dallas and is backed by H. L. Hunt, said to be America's richest oil millionaire. His fortune is estimated at five hundred million dollars.

BACKED BY OIL MAN

District 776 recently called upon the U. S. Treasury to cancel the program's tax exemption as an "educational" organization. It also urged the Federal Communications Commission to recognize it as neither nonpartisan nor educational and ask stations to cease granting it free time.

Hunt has been revealed as one of the wealthy supporters of U. S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R, Wis.) Mrs. McCarthy, the Senator's bride, and Robert E. Lee, recently named by President Eisenhower to the FCC, were instrumental in launching the first Facts Forum shows.

Two more unions have joined the growing list of labor organizations condemning the outfit as a prejudiced and un-American enterprise.

Carpenters Local 1822 and Typographical Local 198 both of Fort Worth have formerly expressed the view that "Facts Forum" was operating under the false pretension that it was educational, non-partisan project.

The Four Questions Nixon Didn't Answer

- 1—"Will the Republican Party use Senator McCarthy in the 1954 congressional elections?"
- 2—"Will the GOP, through Nixon's influence, compel adoption of enforceable rules for fair conduct of Senate probes?"
- 3—"Will the administration continue to appoint proteges of Senator McCarthy to important posts in critical executive agencies?"
- 4—"Will the administration support officials . . . who defend the integrity of the executive branch (of the government) against the inroads of Senator McCarthy?"

Your fellow worker buys the things you make—buy the things he makes, too. Don't sell him short.

600,000 Jobless Jump Hikes February Total to 3,671,000

Washington—The Department of Commerce reported that unemployment in mid-February reached the highest total since February 1950. It said the number of jobless workers increased between January and February by 584,000 to 3,671,000. In recent years, the February unemployment trend

OUTSTRIPS DEPRESSION FIGURES

The estimate was based on Census Bureau surveys of 25,000 households across the nation. It did not include as unemployed persons who worked as little as one hour a week, workers who were laid off for 30 days or less, or housewives and others who were not actively looking for a job but who would take one if it were available. Experts therefore thought that the actual number of people without work was much higher than the Commerce Department figures indicated.

Sen. Henry Jackson (D., Wash.) pointed out in a telecast that unemployment increased between October and February faster than at any time in the history of the U.S.—including the depression of the 1930's.

The Bureau of Employment Security disclosed that between Feb. 13 and Feb. 27 unemployment among workers covered by the state programs rose by 42,900 to

2,221,000. This is a new high for the year.

Meanwhile, the Department of Labor produced figures on unemployment among workers covered by state unemployment insurance that indicated the March total will show still another increase.

The BES figures reflect unemployment among 36 million workers. The jobless totals they provide amount to between 55 percent and 75 percent of the actual number of unemployed. So, for the first half of the next Census survey month at least, a rise in unemployment seems assured.

The Commerce report brought a flurry of activity among government officials. They began a series of meetings among federal agencies compiling employment data in an effort to find a way to correlate their findings. The Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Departments have been issuing separate reports. Although covering different aspects of the field, they often appeared inconsistent and have confused the people.

Ike Wields Tax Axe on Telecast — Workers 'Bloody but Unbowed'

Washington—President Eisenhower defended the Administration's bill to give tax relief to stockholders and corporations. At the same time, the President claimed an increase in personal income tax exemptions from \$600 to \$700 was "unsound." In a nation-wide telecast, Eisenhower made it clear

that when he's good and ready to recommend further income tax relief he will favor lower rates instead of higher exemptions.

Republican leaders counted heavily on the Chief Executive's speech to block a Democratic proposal for a \$100 boost in exemptions which was scheduled for a House vote late this week.

THE BIG SWITCH

Significantly missing from Eisenhower's address was any reference to the excise tax relief plan which was passed by the House with only three dissenting votes and which will cost the Treasury \$912 million a year.

Meantime, Herman Eberharter (D., Pa.) of the tax-writing

House Ways and Means Committee charged that the bill "is an open attempt to switch the burden of taxation from the investor to the wage earner,—from the corporations and large stockholders to the persons of the lower-income brackets."

"It should be labeled," Eberharter said, "as the most brazen attempt by certain business interests, aided and abetted by the Eisenhower Administration, to rewrite the entire tax code for their own special privilege and benefit."

Your union is as democratic as you make it—Attend meetings.